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LETTER DATED 15 JULY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi national airspace committed by United States aircraft in order to carry out reconnaissance and cause provocation continued over the period 1 to 9 July 1994.

1 July 1994

(a) Northern region: 17 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Dohuk, Irbil, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 42 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Qurnah, Salman, Busayyah and Jalibah.

2 July 1994

Southern region: 49 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Basra, Samawah, Qurnah, Ushbayjah and Busayyah.

At 1345 hours on 2 July 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over Nasiriyah, Shatrah, the area to the south of Diwaniyah and Amarah. It left at 1537 hours in the direction of Saudi Arabia.

3 July 1994

Southern region: 36 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Busayyah, Jalibah, Salman, Ushbayjah, Artawi and Shanafiyah.

5 July 1994

(a) Northern region: 19 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Shaqlawah and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 39 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Artawi, Jalibah and Busayyah.

At 1255 hours on 5 July 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace. It left at 1537 hours in the direction of Saudi Arabia.

6 July 1994

Southern region: 30 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Samawah, Chabaish, Busayyah, Jalibah, Artawi, Ushbayjah, Lasaf and Salman.

7 July 1994

(a) Northern region: 25 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 42 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Artawi, Salman, Jalibah and Busayyah.

8 July 1994

(a) Northern region: 21 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Ayn Zalah and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 38 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, the area to the south of Diwaniyah, Shatrah, Qal'at Salih, Qurnah and Salman.

9 July 1994

(a) Northern region: 17 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 58 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Amarah, Samawah, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Salman, Busayyah, Jalibah, Artawi, Ushbayjah and Khidr.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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